

PARK & RECREATION MINUTES
TUESDAY, APRIL 8, 2008
6:15 P.M.

Call to Order: The Parks and Recreation board met on the above date and time in the Council Chambers, 270 W. 15th Street, Rushville. President Denny Corn called the meeting to order. Members present were Anna Karen Pennington, Tim Shuppert, Jan Voiles, Tim Yazel and Liz Crain. Also present were Parks Director Danny Mathews, Secretary Carla Sharpe, Pool Manager Anita Carfield and Jim Wilkinson representing the Optimist Board.

Minutes: Minutes of March 11, 2008 was presented for approval. Shuppert moved to approve the March 11th minutes. Yazel seconded. Motion carried.

Reports: Pool Manager Carfield presented the following report:
Swimsuits, whistles and lanyards have been ordered. We have a work day scheduled for May 10th. Ryan is working on the dates of certification for the new guards and the CPR recertification for the current guards.
I have included the information for group lessons and the coupon for season pass discounts. I plan to have the lesson forms to the schools by May 1.
I'd like to have information about the coupons in the newspaper. We can put the coupons in the paper or have people pick them up at designated places in town. They could also be placed at the pool front counter the first 10 days we're open.
I'll also see to putting information about the swim lessons in the paper with forms available at the Mayor's Office and the pool or other designated areas throughout town.
I opted to go with only one session of swim lessons for the evening since we're doing various levels. This way I was still able to schedule our first pool party for that week.
Those wanting to schedule pool parties will be able to call the pool starting next week and leaving a message. I'll have the answering machine going by then.

The board thinks the coupons are a good thing and gave Carfield the go ahead. Carfield will call schools and get a head count for flyers and coupons and Sharpe will contact Brunsmack Graphics to get them printed and ready to hand out by May 1st. People can call after Monday at the pool at 932-7100 to book pool parties.

Jim Wilkinson of the Optimist Board was present. The Optimist uses our park on the Fourth of July for the car show. Last year a rainstorm came and got on lines, destroying machines of vendors.

Rosfeld's Electric has said the wires are shot.

Rosfeld's are willing to move the wires on the north side to the south side of 15th Street for nothing. He will also change all boxes over.

Crain moved to give Rosfeld's permission to move the wiring and boxes to the south side of 15th Street at no charge. Shuppert seconded. Motion carried.

Mathews said Relay for Life is coming up. He would like to get Stanley to resurface portions of the walking trails to seal some cracks. He will get the cost to share with the board.

Sharpe reported on the Amphitheater Concert Series.

To date \$49,000 has been raised. An article will soon be coming out on Friend of the Park Sponsorship which she is in hopes more people will jump on board. These sponsorships run \$25.00 to \$100.00 for those who can't afford the \$5,000 to \$500.

Community Day is May 17th. Bonnie Locchetta is running that and has confirmed The Colts in Motion which is a trailer housing Colts stuff will be here. It will be a free hog roast, lots of kid's games and a D.J.

The concert contracts have been signed and things are really coming together.

Claims: Yazel questioned a few claims on the cameras. Mathews said money had been rolled over from last year which was donated money from businesses for the cameras. Last years quote was \$8,000, less than \$9,000. Mathews stated these are cadillac cameras. They had to drill to run the fiber but will be done in the next two weeks. Yazel moved to approve the claims for the month. Shuppert seconded. Motion carried.

New Business: Hire Summer Help for Parks - Mathews reported he would like to bring Becky Bates back immediately to plant flowers. She is returning from last year. He would also like to hire Brian Crabtree to start Monday. He has been with the City for 3 years and 4 years with the Street Department. He's a leader. He can only have him for 25 weeks and wants to keep him till the end of October. He would also like to hire Nick Sherwood to start in May who has worked for us for 3 years. Zach Binder to start in May and has worked for us for 3 years. Donathan Buckley would be a new hire with a start date of June 2nd.

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Mathews stated they will fill the pool with water on the 20th of April. They will turn the pumps on to make sure everything is working and the middle of May take samples to get tested.

Mathews stated he would also like to hire a downtown maintenance man to mow City Hall and the Rush County Community Foundation.

Voiles moved to accept the list of rehires and new hires. Pennington seconded. Motion carried.

Mathews stated he would like to pay Crabtree \$9.00 an hour. He is very deserving. Pennington moved to approve increase. Yazel seconded. Motion carried.

Mathews said that Jake Hadix will be fixing issues at Willkie Park.

There being no further business, meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

DENNY CORN, PRESIDENT

TIM SHUPPERT, VICE PRESIDENT

TIM YAZEL, MEMBER

JAN VOILES, MEMBER

ANNA KAREN PENNINGTON, MEMBER

LIZ CRAIN, MEMBER

ATTEST:

CARLA SHARPE, SECRETARY